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Douglas McVicar, MD
Chairman, NH EMS Medical Control Board, and
Mr. Steve Achilles
Chairman, NH EMS Coordinating Board
c/o NH Department of Safety
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

Dear Dr. McVicar and Mr. Achilles:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 25, 2008, requesting the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) review its Medicaid policy requiring submission of a physician certification form (PCS) for emergency ambulance transports. I am pleased to advise you that the Medicaid Program will no longer require this documentation for emergency ambulance transports only and will rely on patient care reports and dispatch logs to verify medical necessity when conducting its retrospective utilization review audits. Please understand that should medical necessity not be met, the claim may be reversed and payment may be recovered. Claims system edits have been fully implemented and notification of this change issued to NH Medicaid enrolled ambulance providers via their claims remittance advice notices.

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. If you have any questions please contact Jane Hybsch at (603) 271-2245.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick A. Toumpas", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Nicholas A. Toumpas
Commissioner